Title: Method to reduce false positive outcomes in prion tests.

Abstract

This invention relates to the field of prion diseases. A method is provided to reduce false positive outcomes in a test by monitoring the activity of a proteolytic enzyme in a test sample comprising providing the test sample with a substrate and contacting the enzyme with said substrate to allow conversion of the substrate by the enzyme into a detectable product and detecting said product. Use of a method according to the invention can improve the reliability of prion tests.